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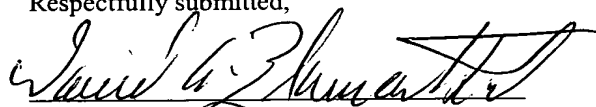
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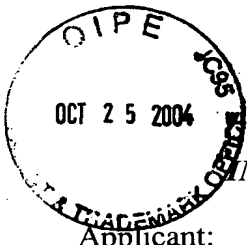
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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The examiner in the corresponding Japanese application stated as follows:

1. Publications 1 and 2, regarding Claim 1

Considering that the means to insert and elastically secure an LCD panel peripheral part from top to bottom is very well known, elastically securing the LCD panels described in Publications 1 and 2 could easily be obtained.

(For example, refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-126033, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-114391, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-21839, and Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Application Publication 04-28621.

2. Publications 1 and 2, regarding Claims 2 through 4

The position of the concave part can be determined as appropriate.

3. Publications 1 and 2, regarding Claim 5

Guaranteeing enough rigidity not to allow deformation can be obtained as appropriate.

4. Publications 1 and 2, regarding Claims 6 through 8

These are configurations that can be adapted as appropriate in order to reliably insert the panel.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H07-028410

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H02-093425

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

• Fields Searched IPC 7th Edition

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• Prior Art Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H04-220624

This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection.

An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). However, applicant believes that U.S. Patent 5,801,542 is the counterpart of reference A2 and thus the '542 is being submitted herewith as reference A1. Moreover English language abstracts are being submitted for references A2, A3 and A5-A8.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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